



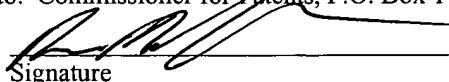
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

HOUGHTON et al.

Serial No.: 09/728,423

Filing Date: December 1, 2000

Title: ELICITING HCV-SPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

Examiner: M. Hill

Group Art Unit: 1648

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested in order to respond to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2004, for which a response was initially due on or before November 12, 2004.

X Three months to February 12, 2005.

X A check to cover the \$1020.00 extension fee is attached.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2/3/05

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